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ACTION!

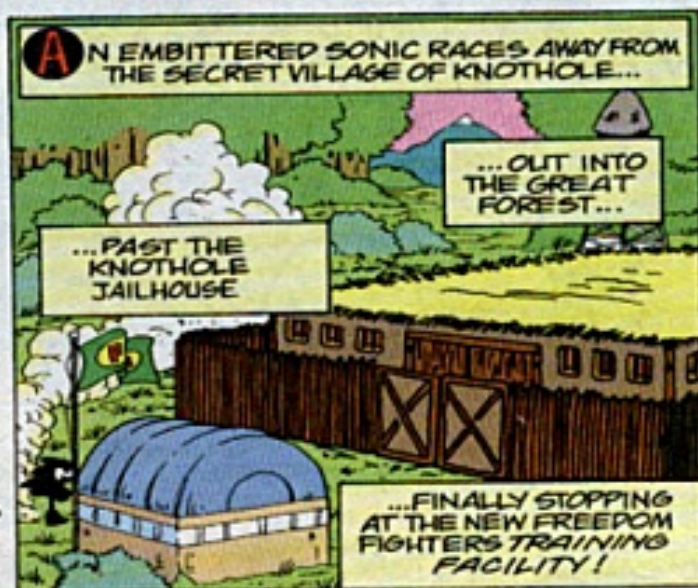
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HE GO INTO A SONIC
SPIN!

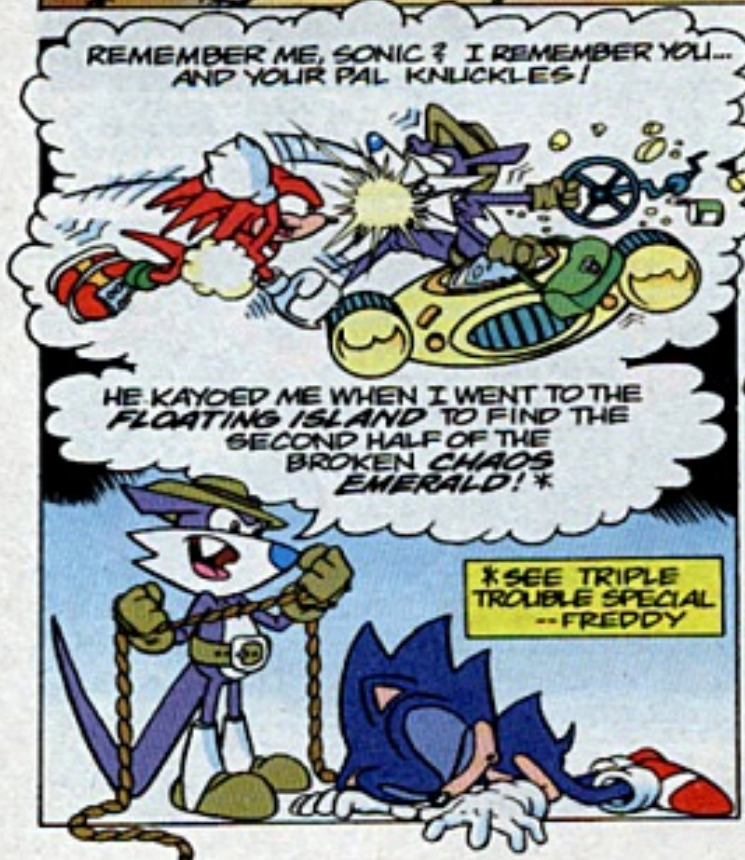
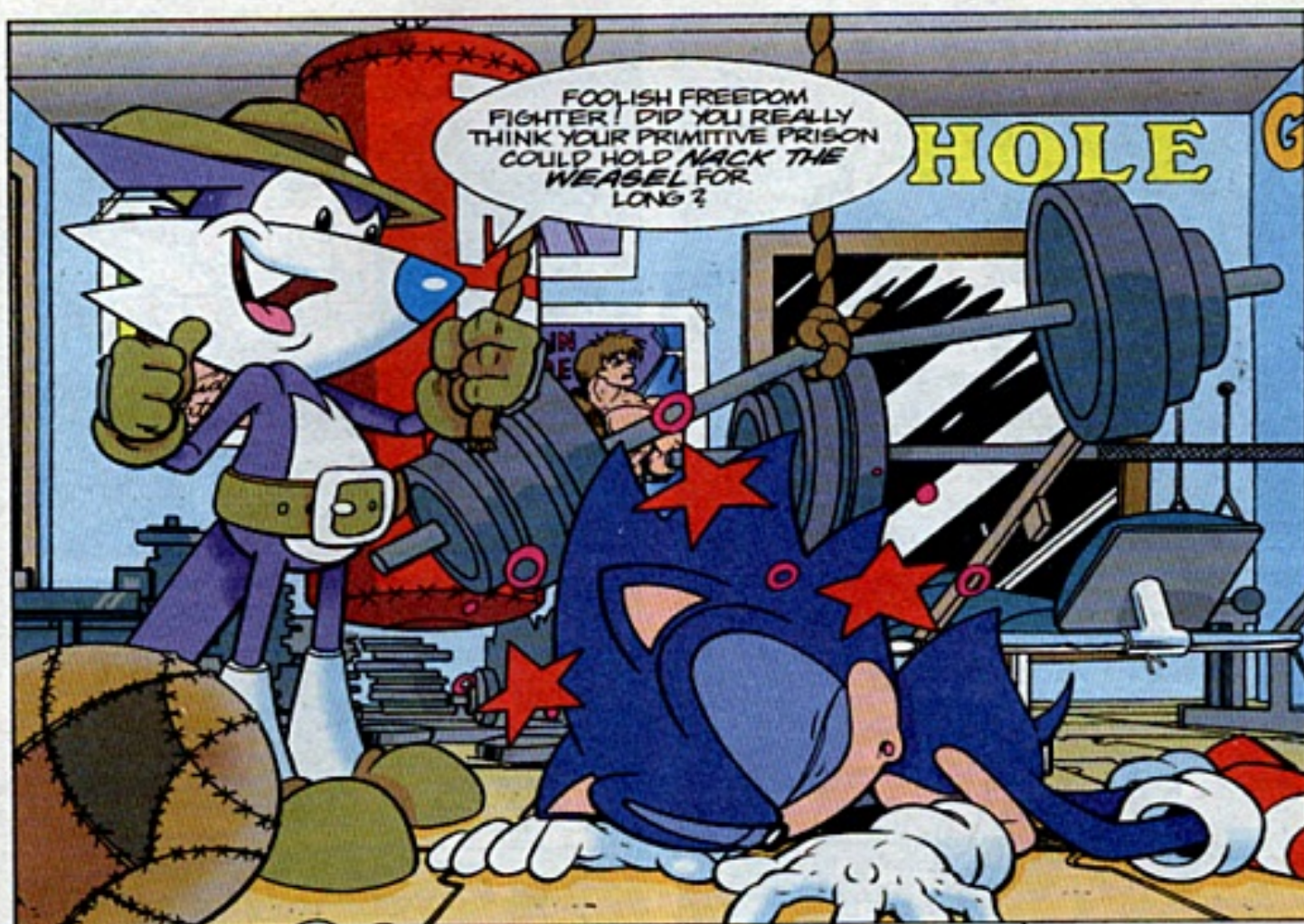
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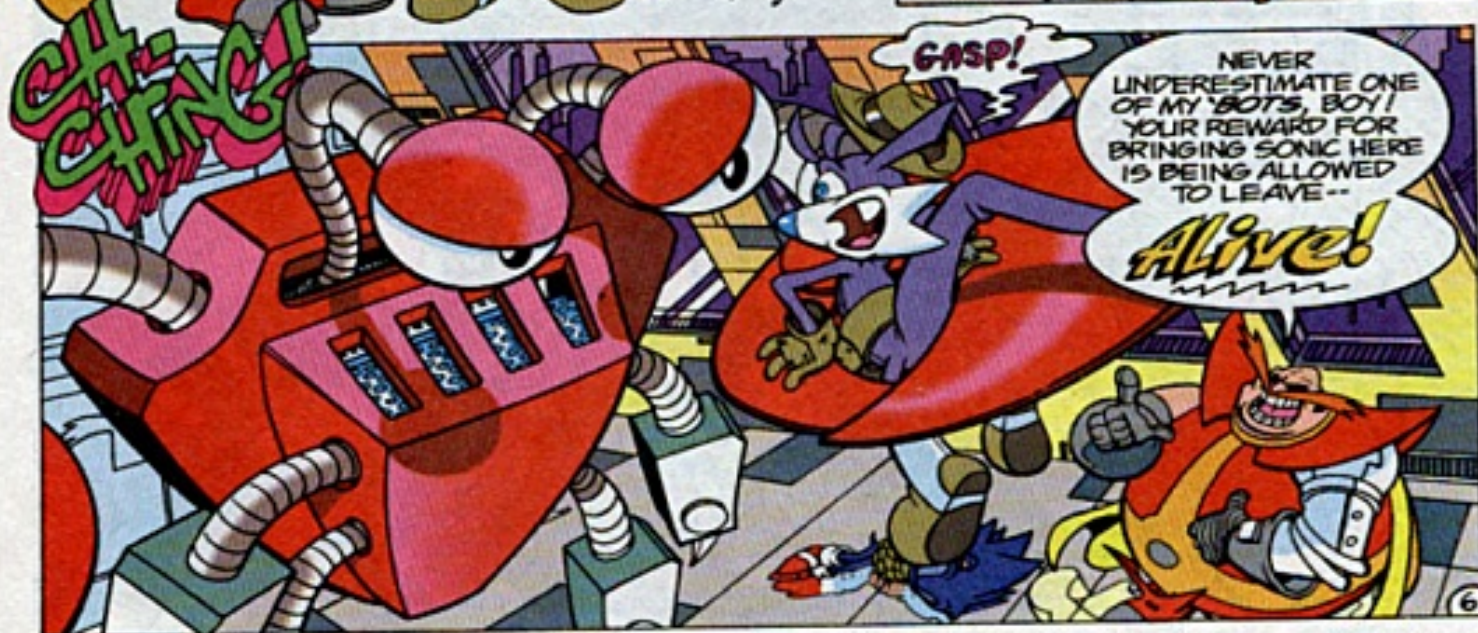
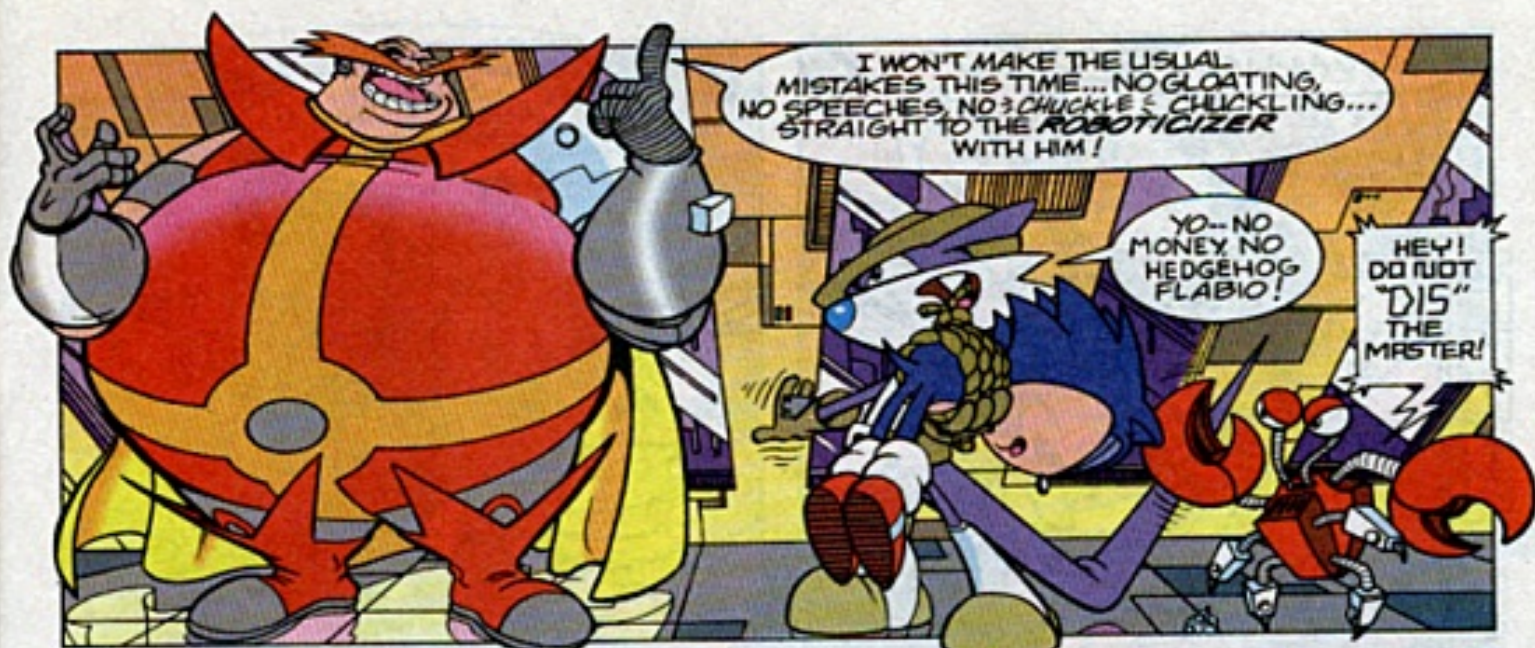


AH, WELCOME BACK, GENTLE READER... NOW, WHERE WERE WE?

AH, YES... THE RENEGADE BOUNTY HUNTER NACK THE WEASEL HAD CAPTURED SONIC...

...AND HE SOON DELIVERED THE HATED HEDGEHOG TO HIS 3 SWICKERIE DOOM!





BZZZT!

EEEEEEEEEE!!!

ZING!

AT LONG
LAST, I GET TO TURN
SONIC INTO A MINDLESS
ROBOT!

YES! MY
DREAM 3 CHOKE 3
COME 3 BOB 3
TRUE!*

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BEHOLD,
CRABMEAT, HE IS
RISEN! THE ONE,
TRUE,

MECHA
SONIC!

MECH-RWOW!

CHUOOOOOM!

ALL OF SONIC'S
REMARKABLE POWERS HAVE
BEEN DIGITIZED, MAXIMIZED AND
MULTIPLIED INTO THIS MAGNIFICENT
ION-POWERED MEGA-
MACHINE!

CAN IT
BE
TRUSTED
WITH 50
MUCH
POWER?

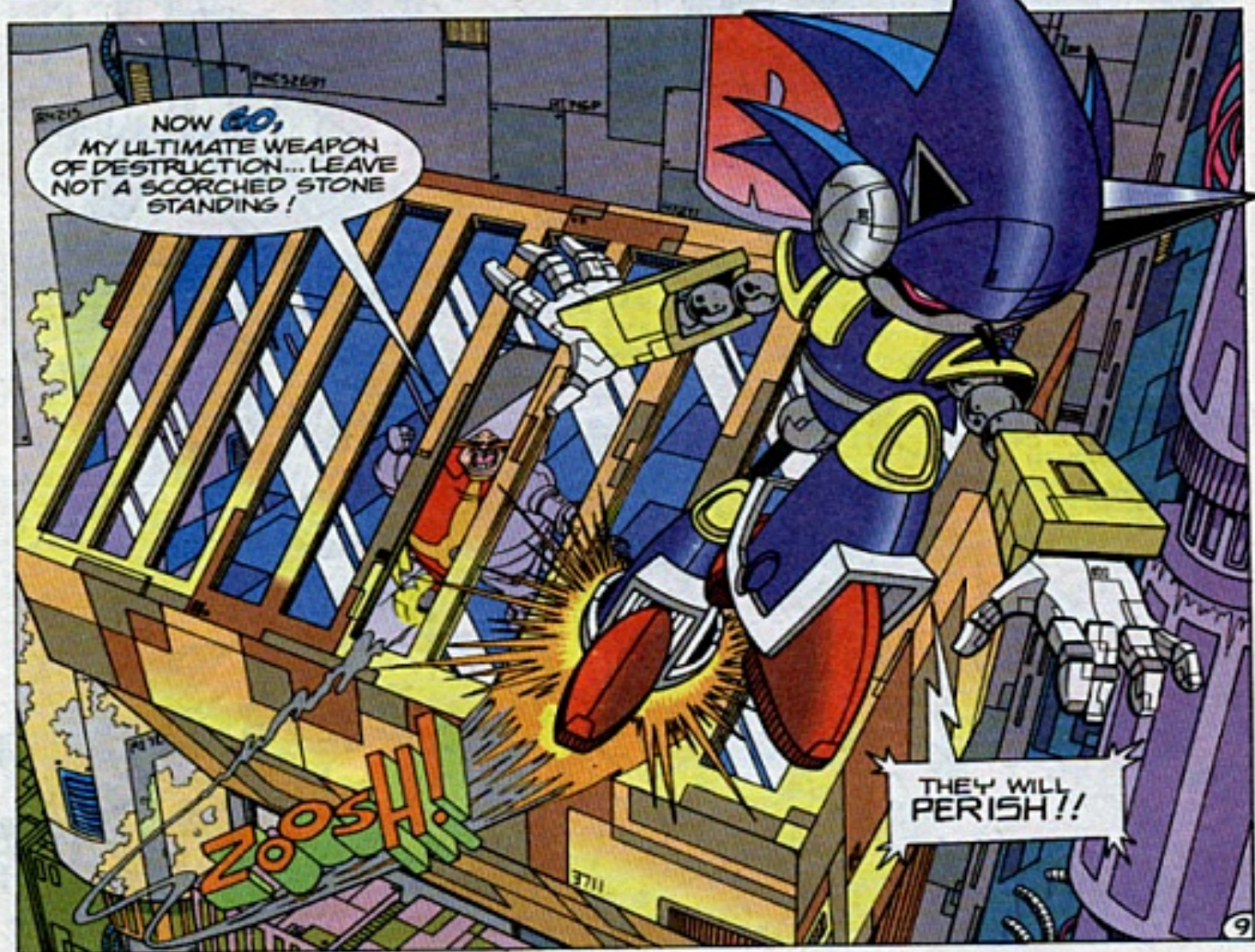
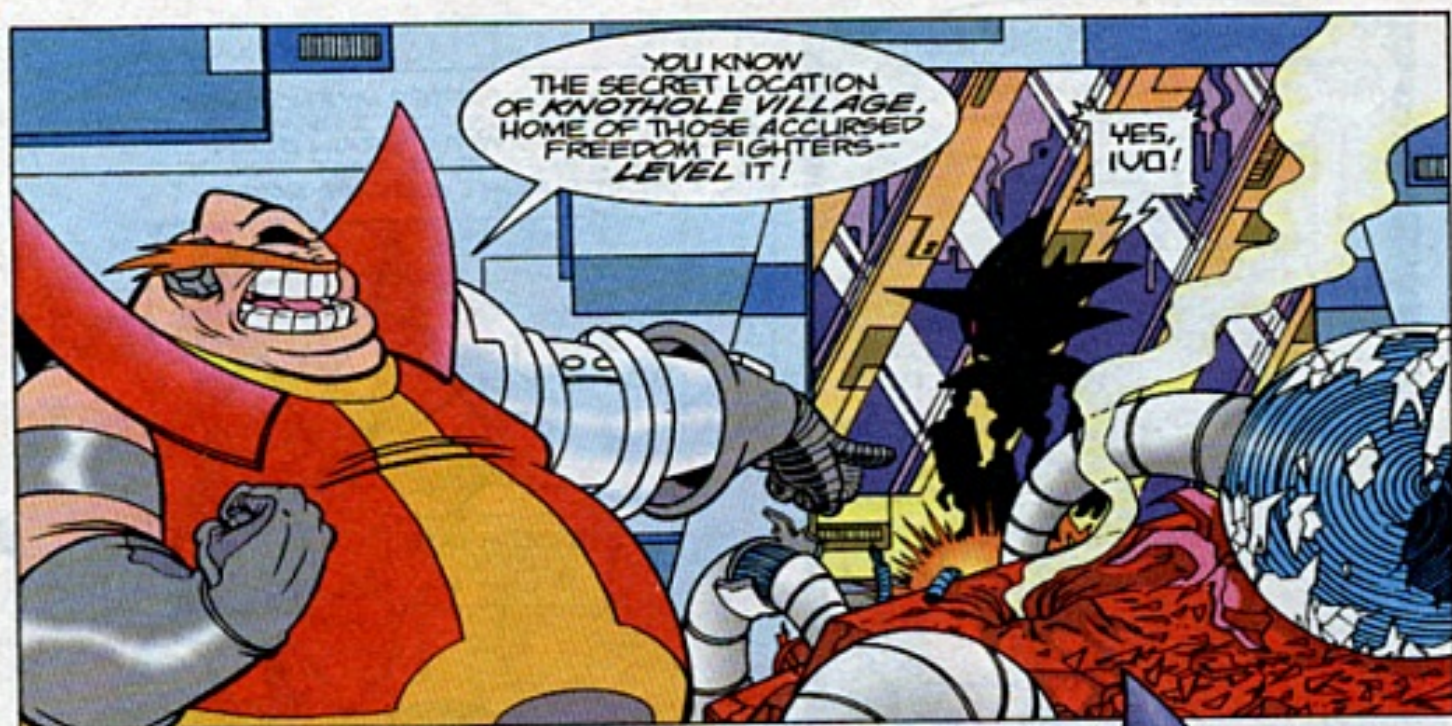
OF COURSE! AFTER MY ENCOUNTER
WITH PRINCESS SALLY, I UPGRADED ALL MY
ROBOTICIZERS WITH "BRAIN BURN-THRU!"
IT'S A NEW FEATURE THAT ASSURES
CONTROL, RIGHT, *MECHA-SONIC*?

ROBOTNIK'S
WORD
IS LAW!

AND NOW, A
DEMONSTRATION
OF
POWER FOR MY FORMER
EMPLOYEE OF THE
MONTH!

ZOOM!

AT YOUR
COMMAND!



MY PORTABLE
COMPUTER, NICOLE, DOESN'T
LIE! THAT MECHANICAL
MONSTER ZEROING IN ON US
IS DEFINITELY...

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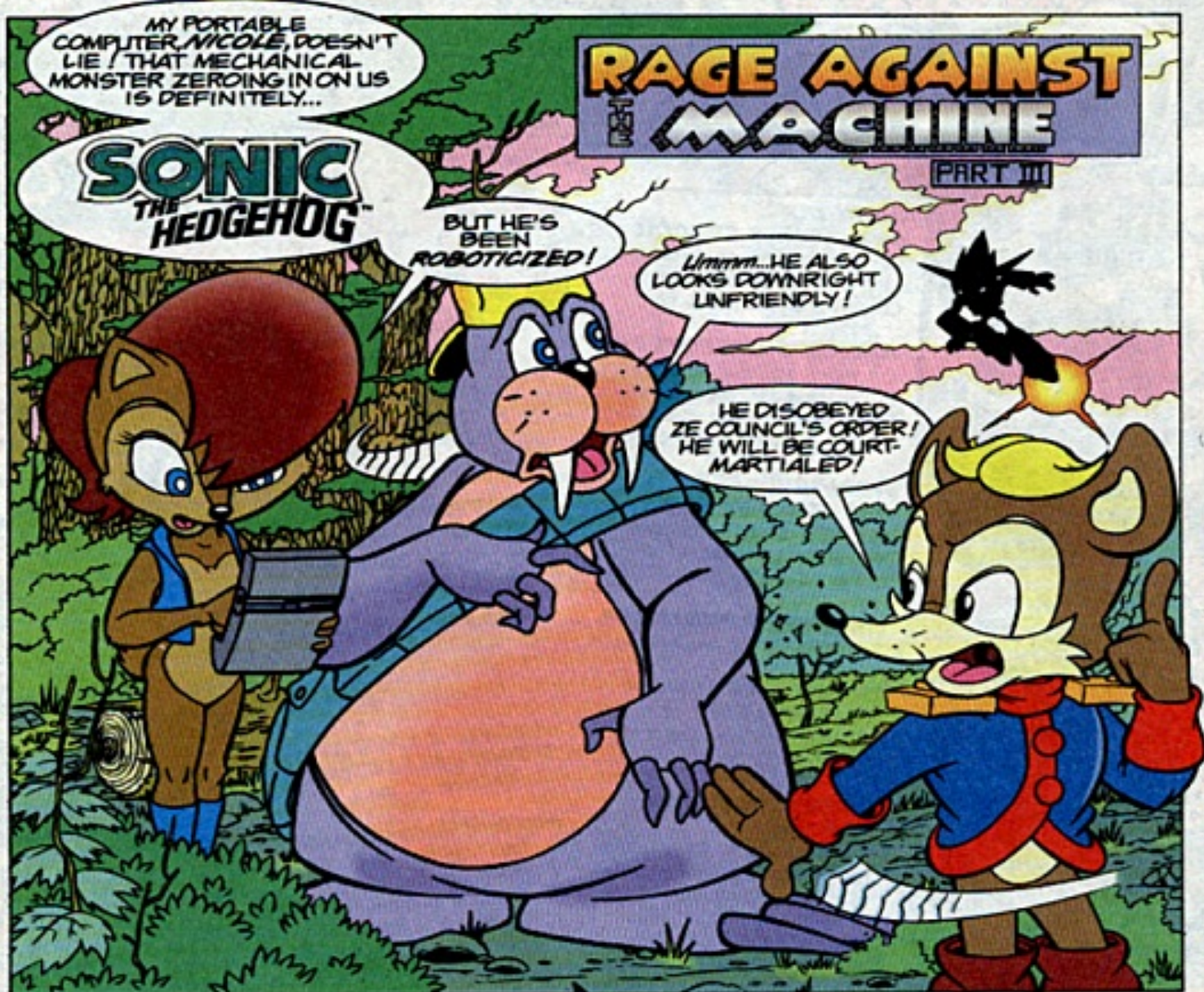
BUT HE'S
BEEN
ROBOTICIZED!

Ummm...HE ALSO
LOOKS DOWNRIGHT
UNFRIENDLY!

HE DISOBEYED
ZE COUNCIL'S ORDER!
HE WILL BE COURT-
MARTIALED!

RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE

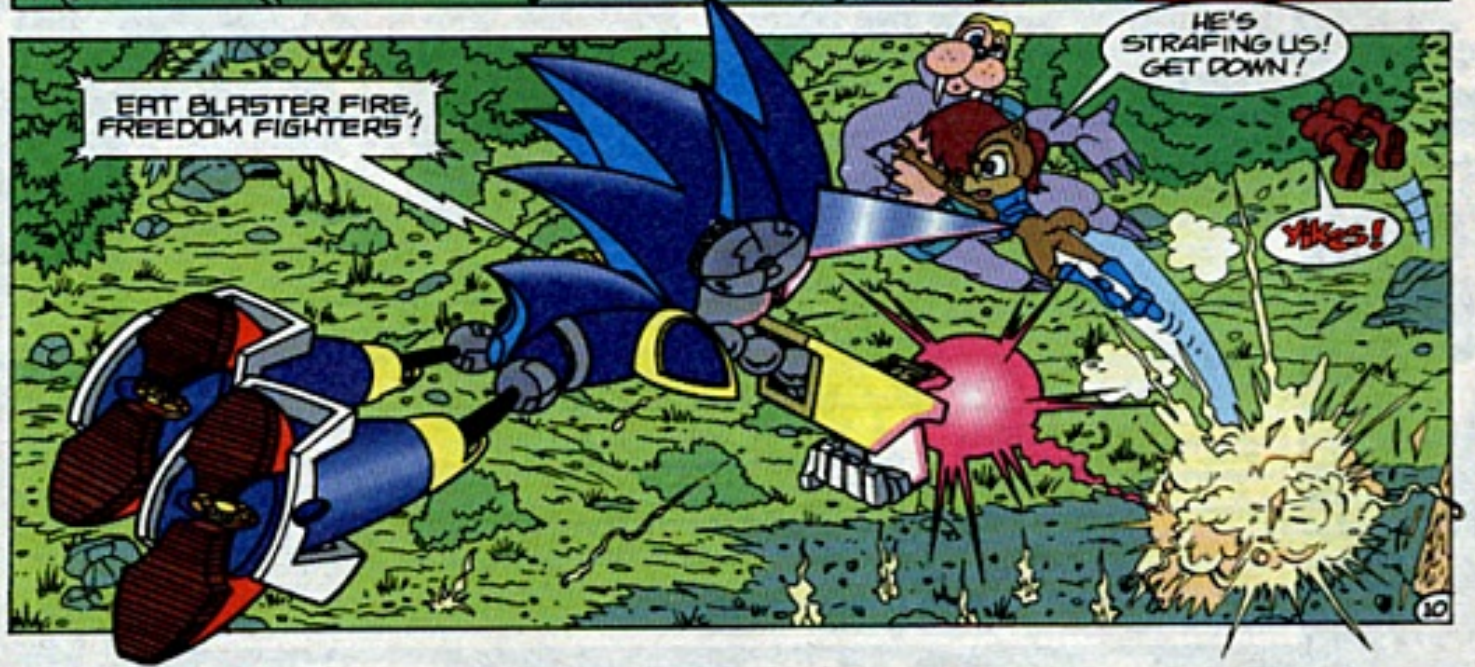
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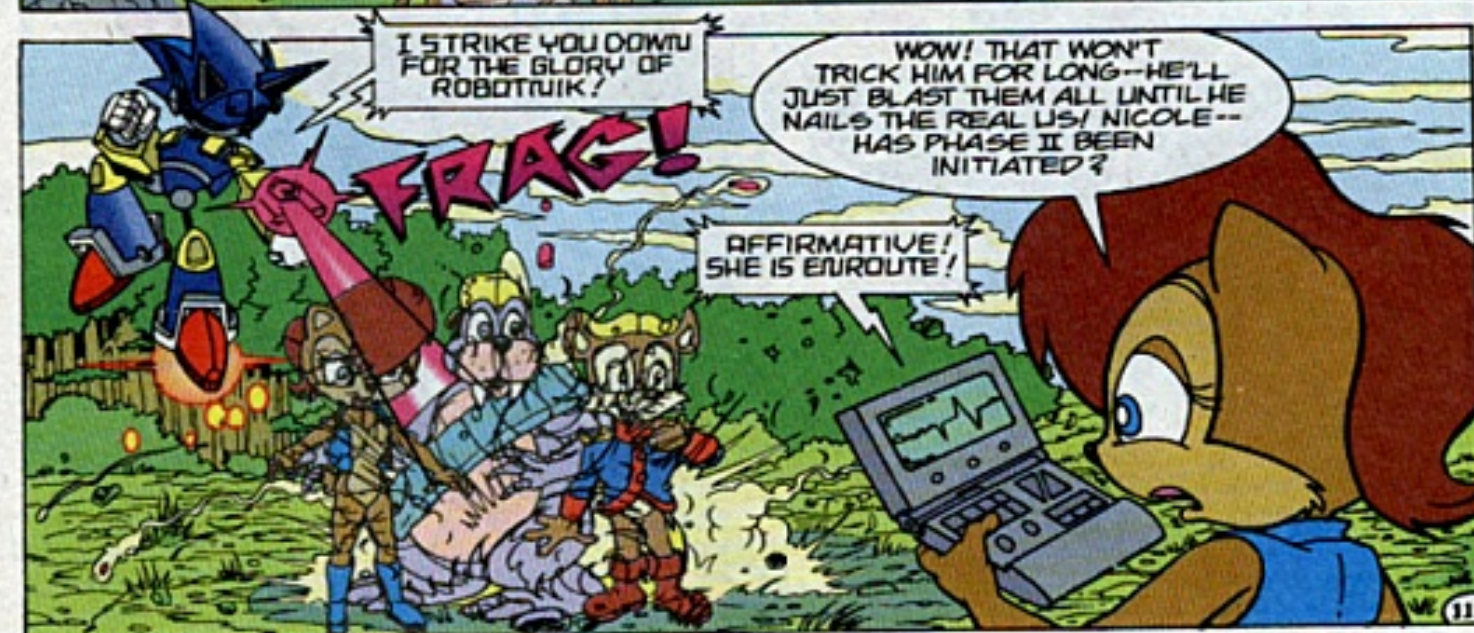
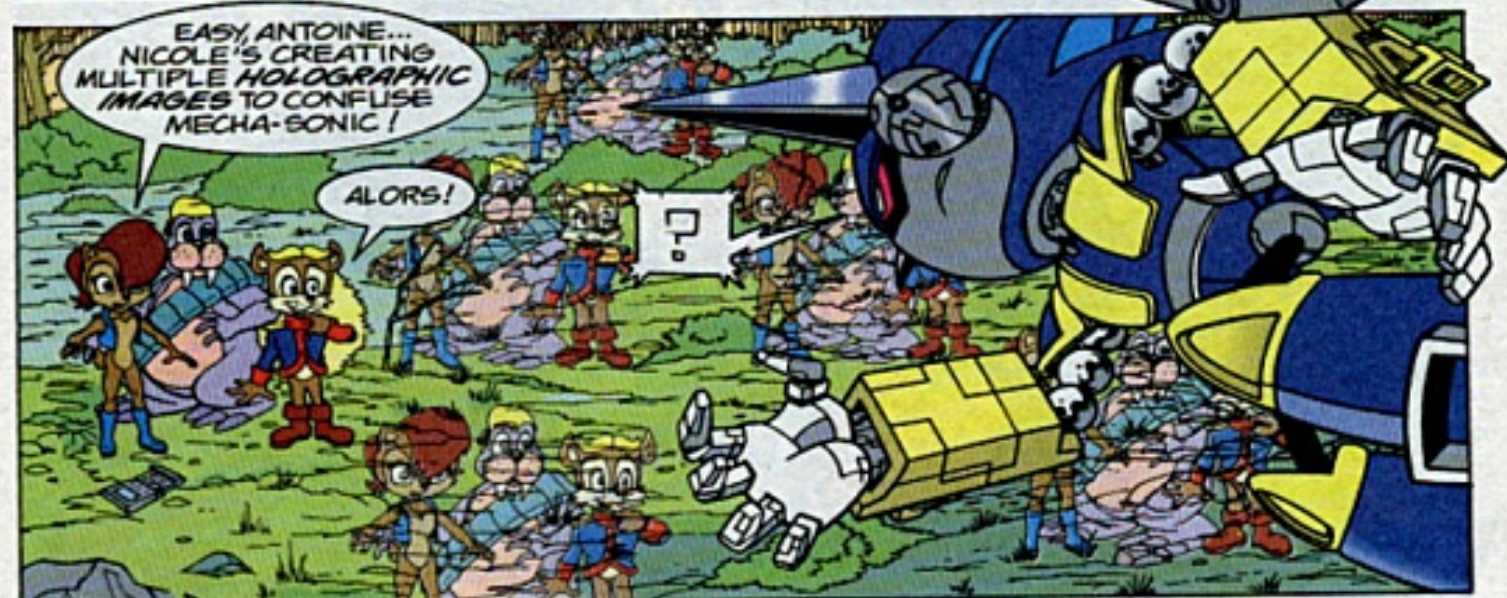


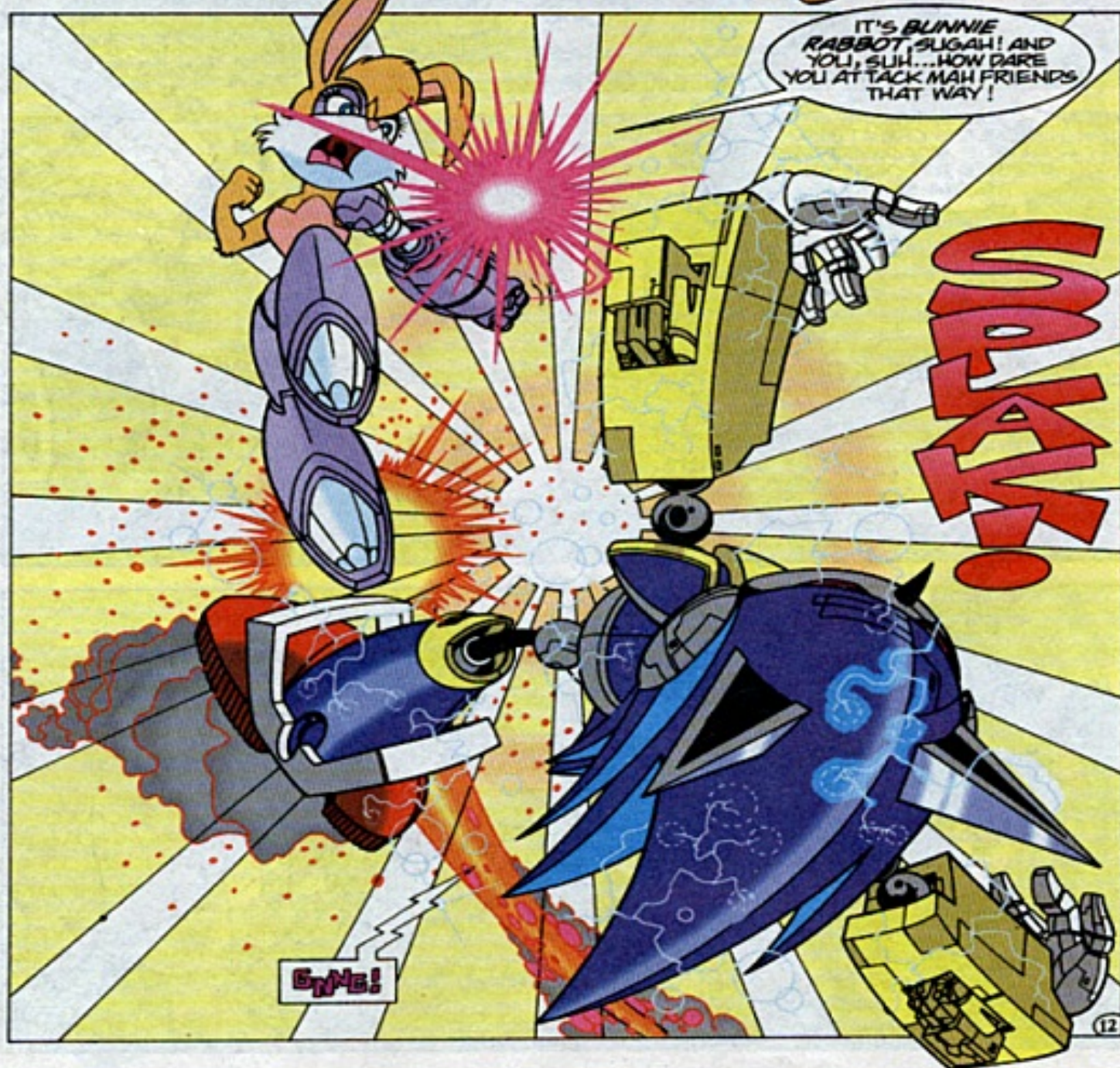
EAT BLASTER FIRE,
FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

HE'S
STRAFING US!
GET DOWN!

Yikes!







SUBJECT: B. RABBIT / ROBO
ENHANCEMENT INTERRUPTED--
CURRENTLY FREEDOM FIGHTER.

JUST LAY
DOWN AND
SURRENDUH LIKE
THE YANKEES AT
CHICKAMAUGA!

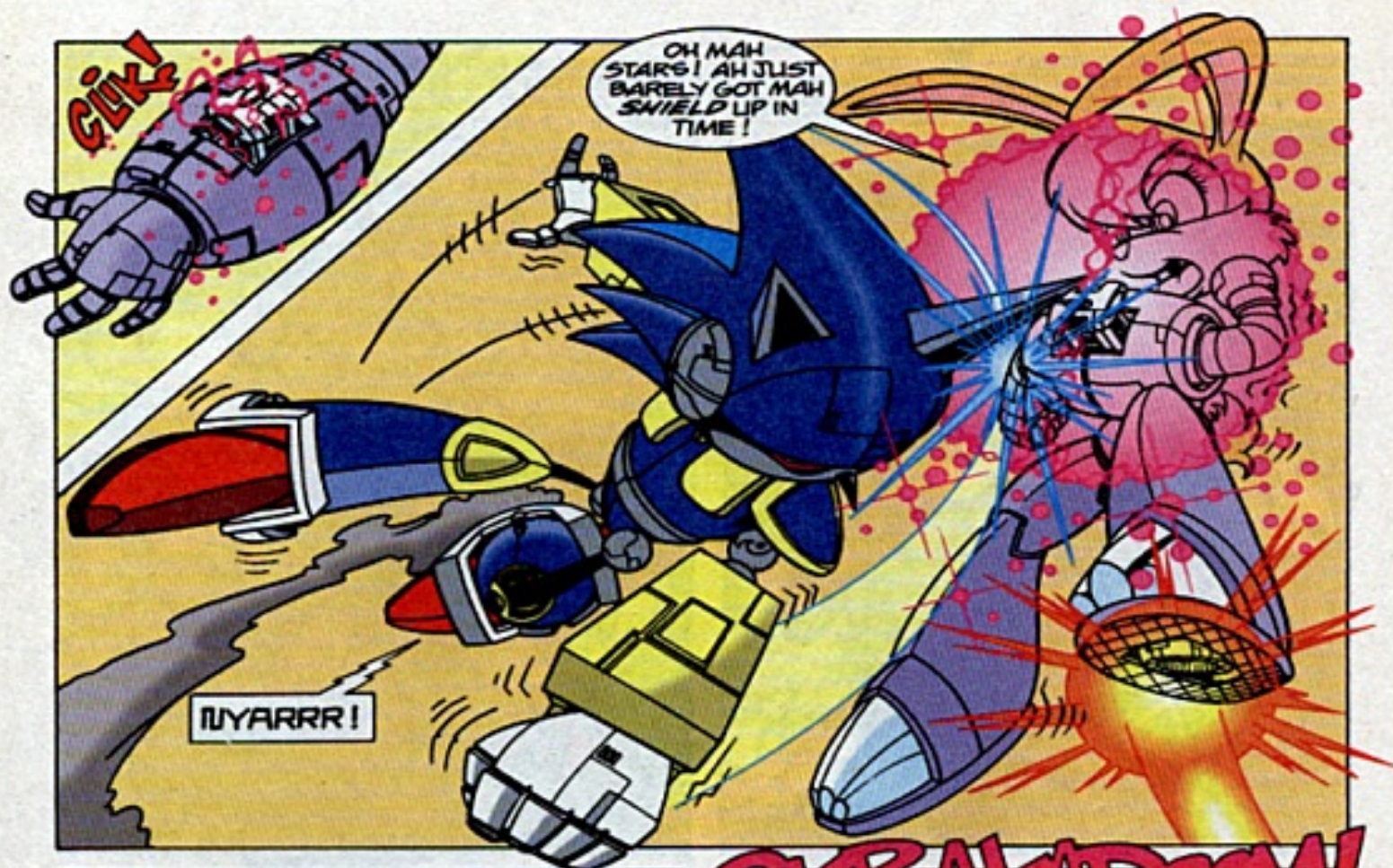
YOU SHALL BE RETURNED
TO ROBOTROPOLIS SO
YOUR ROBOTILIZATION
CAN BE COMPLETED.

Y'ALL GOTTA
GRAB HOLD O' ME
FIRST, TINTOP!

AND THAT MOVE
AIN'T GONNA GET IT,
BOY! MAH ROBOTIC
LEGS CAN TELESCOPE
UP BEFORE YOU CAN
SAY "OUCH!"

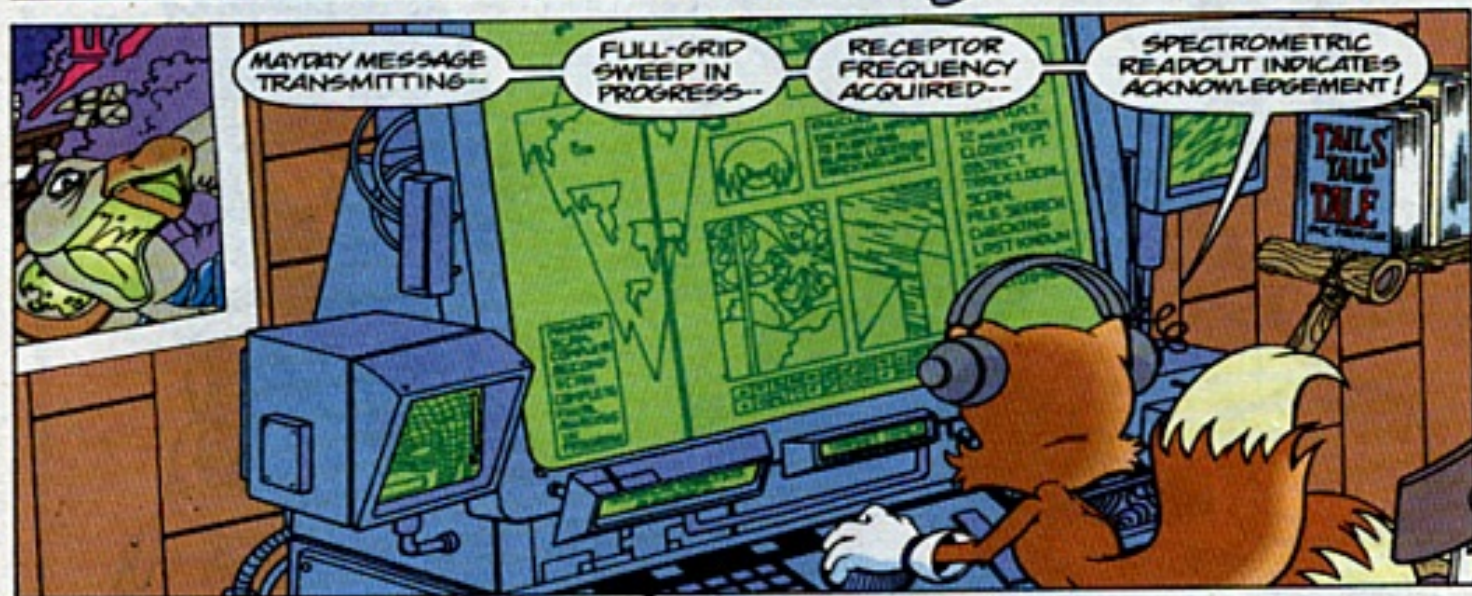
THIRTY-
LOVE, MAM'SELLE
RABBIT!

OUCH!



SKRAKADOOM!





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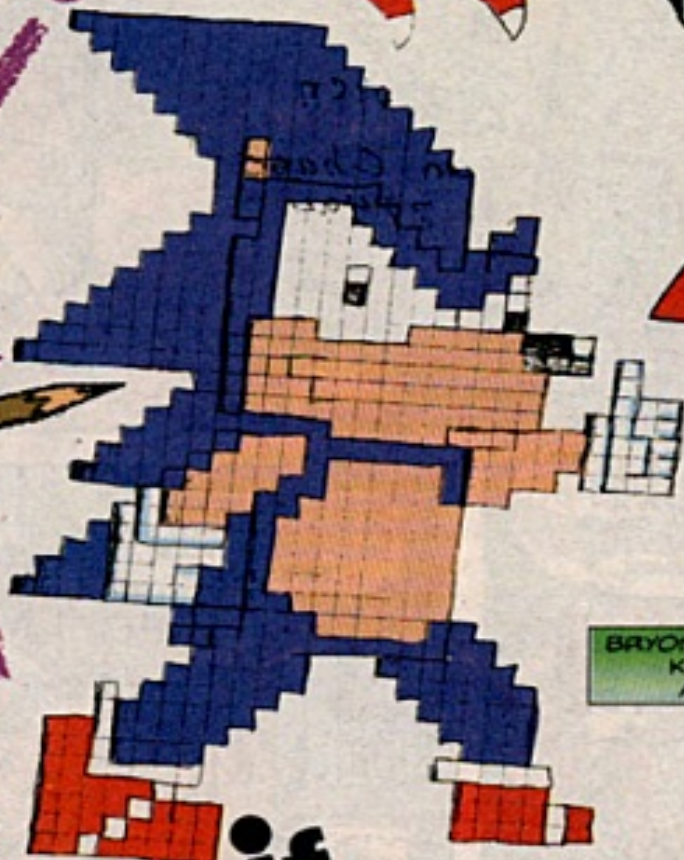
(Tails Power)



NATALIE ANDERSON
RAPHINE, VA
AGE 9



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LAKE FOREST, CA
AGE 15



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AGE 12

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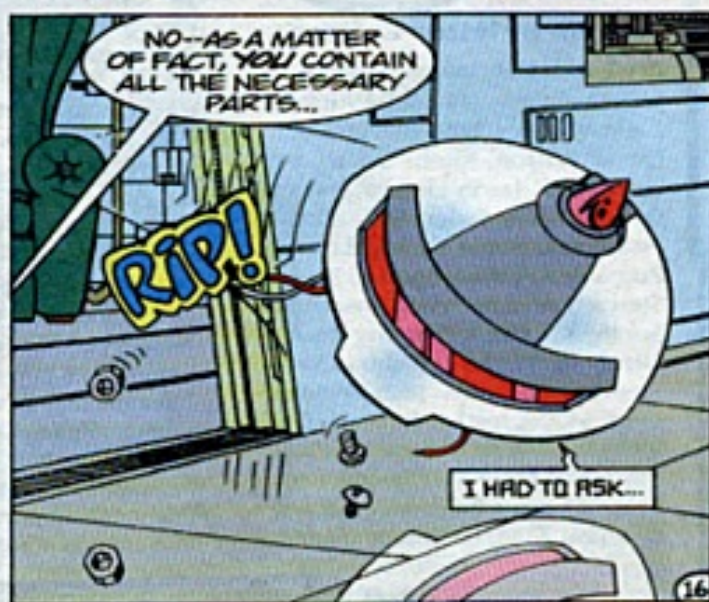
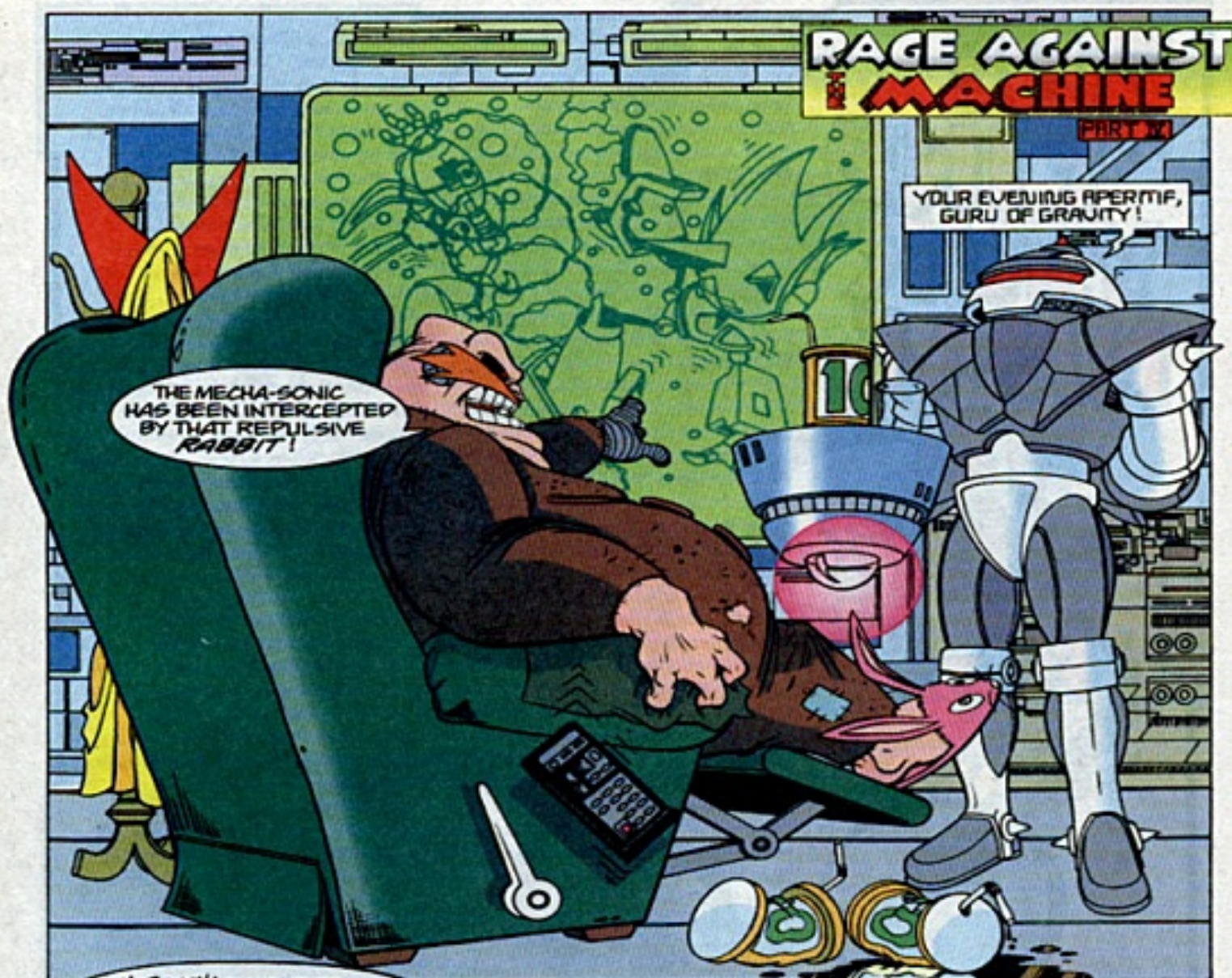
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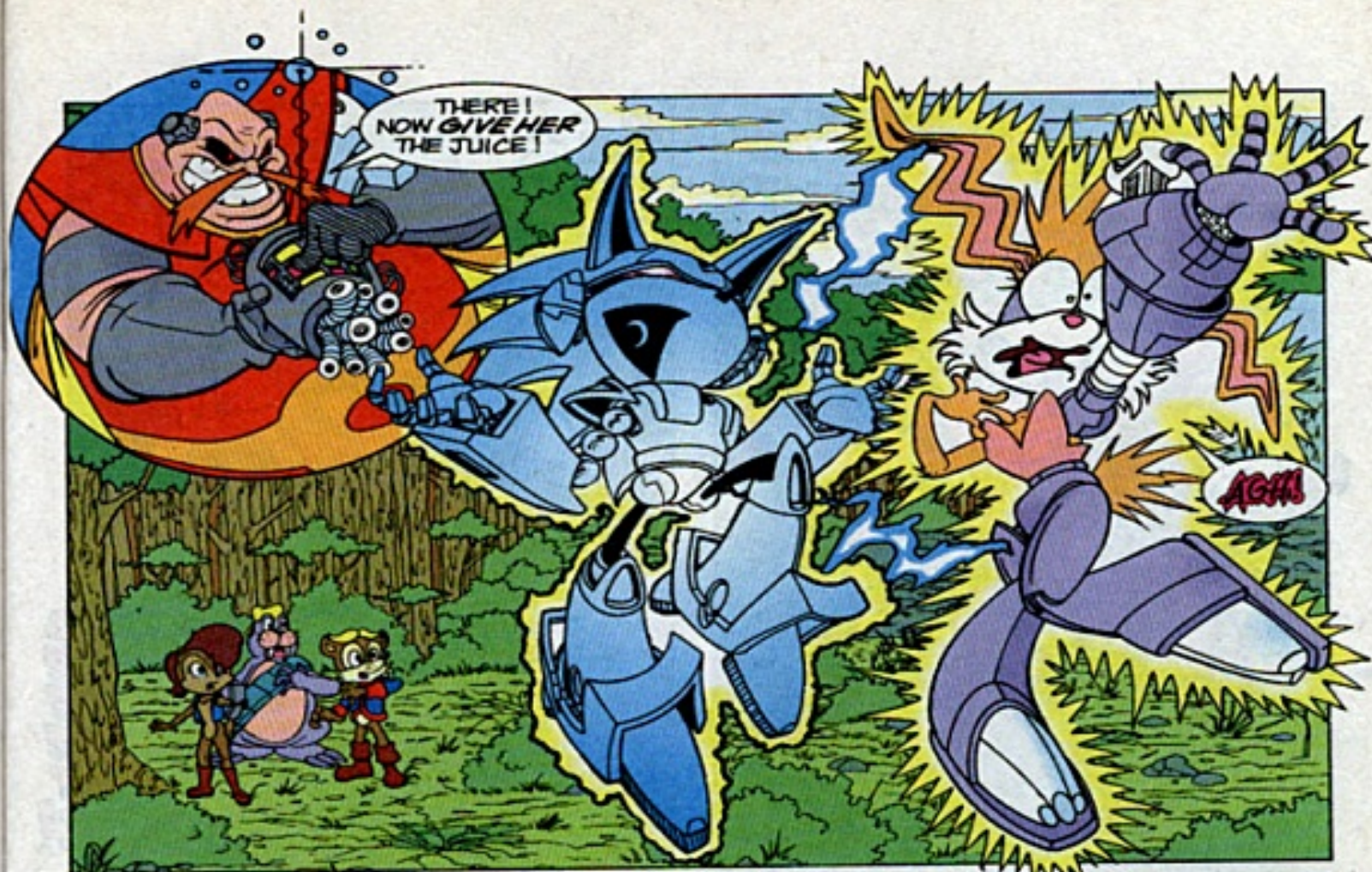
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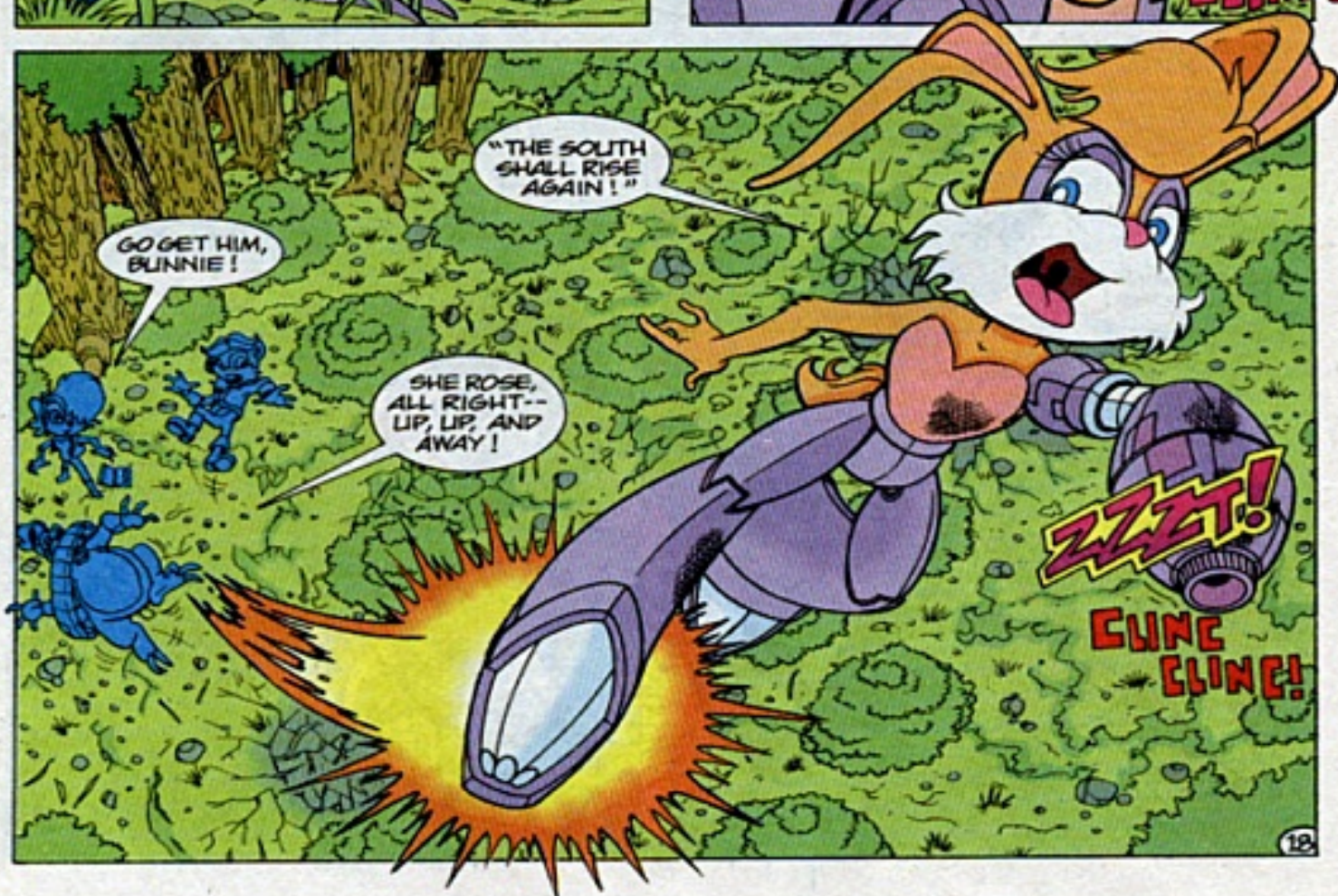
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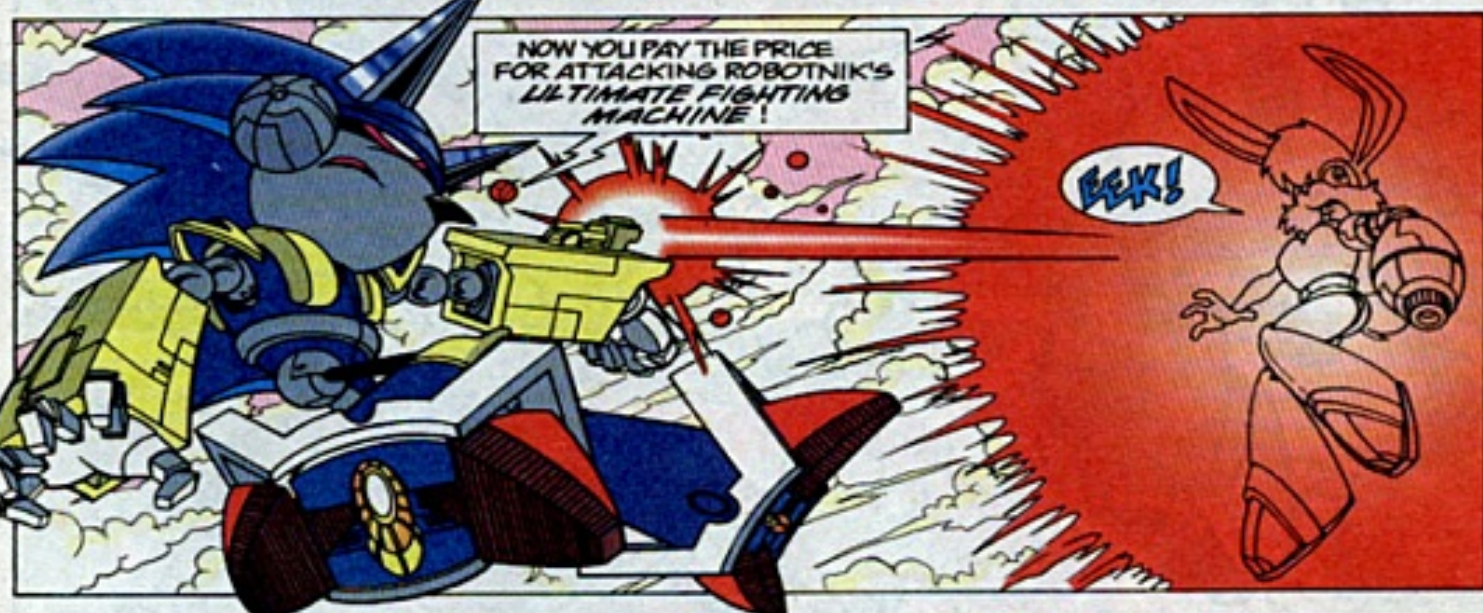
RAGE AGAINST I MACHINE











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IS NO MORE!
CITIZENS OF KNOTHOLE--
PREPARE TO BE ELIMINATED
BY MECHA-SONIC!

RAGE AGAINST MACHINE

PART IV

HE'S COMING
TOWARDS THE VILLAGE
FAST AND FURIOUS!
YOU'RE OUR LAST AND
BEST HOPE!

REALLY?



I DON'T
NORMALLY "GET
INVOLVED" BUT PRINCESS
SALLY ACORN AND I GO
BACK A LONG WAY...

YOUR GREAT-
GRANDFATHER DIDN'T
MENTION THAT TO ME *
BUT I'M GLAD YOU'RE
HERE...

*TAILS MET ATHAIR, KNUCKLES' ANCESTOR,
IN THE TAILS MINI-SERIES, REMEMBER?
-- FREDDY FORGETFUL!





YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST MY ROBO-ENHANCED SPEED AND STRENGTH!

EEEXOW!

MON DIEU! MECHA-SONIC IS BEATING KNUCKLES TO PULP FICTION!

IT'S ALL OVER, RED! FIRST I TRASH KNOTHOLE. THEN YOUR FLOATING ISLAND AND ANYTHING ELSE ROBOTNIK ORDERS ME TO DO!



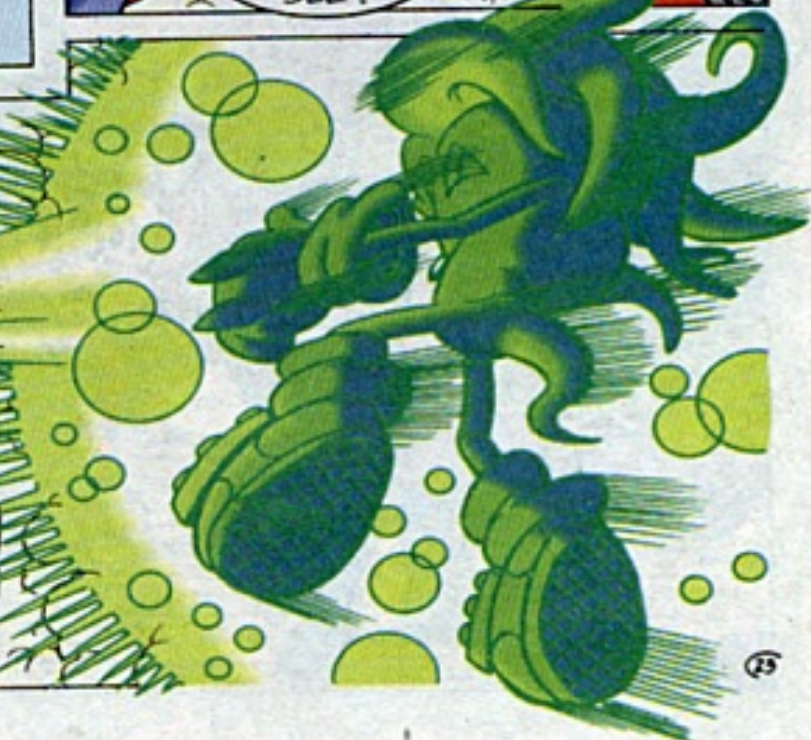
OH DEAR... THE ECHIDNA IS OUR LAST LINE OF DEFENSE!

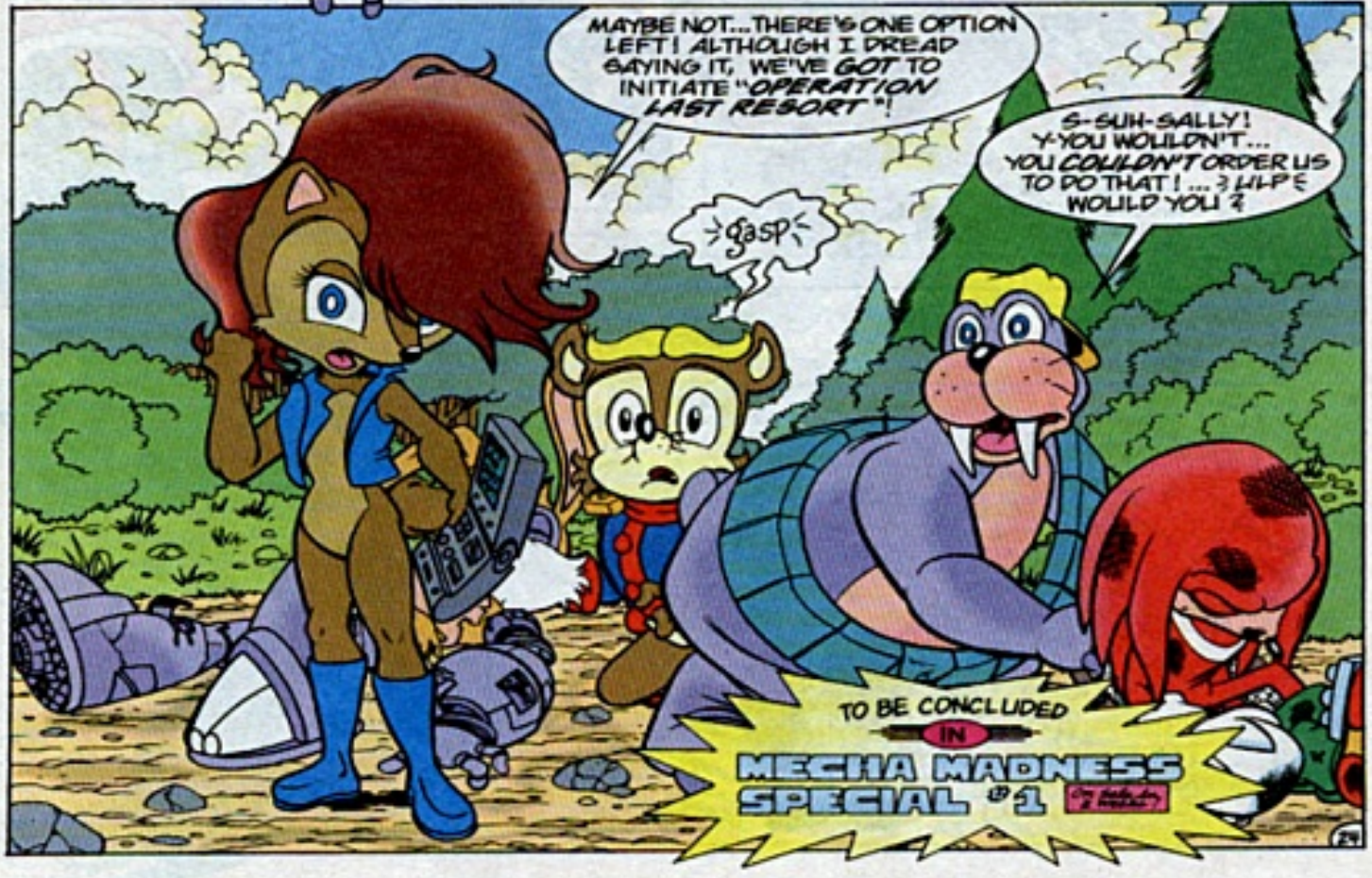
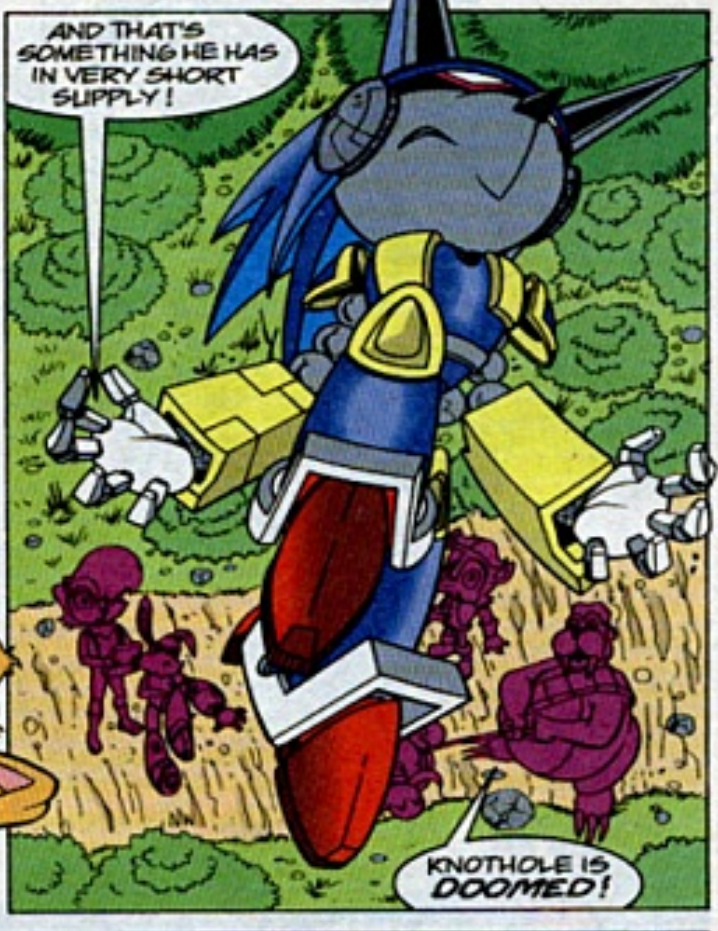


→ KOFF! NO ROBOT CAN WHIP ME, SEE?

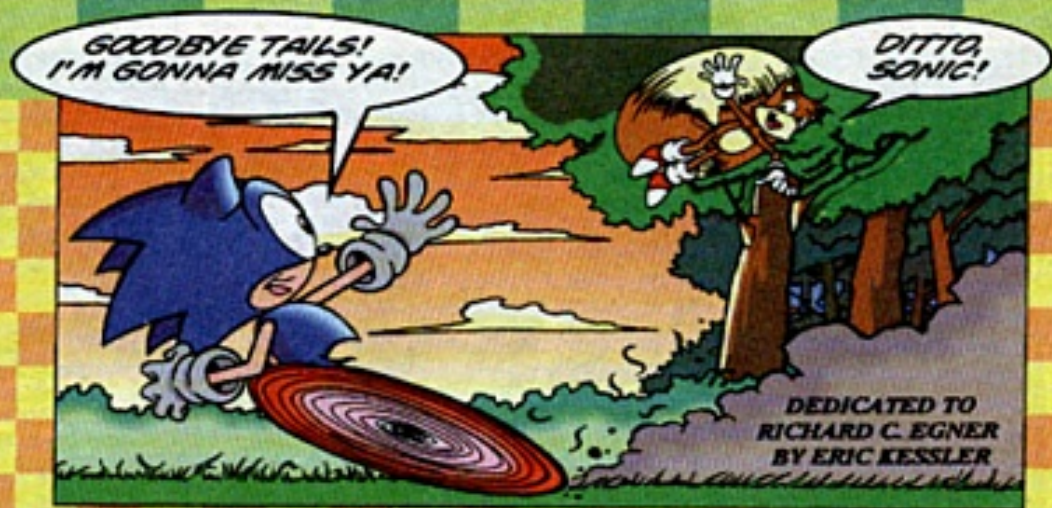


OH, I SEE VERY WELL... OUT OF MY HIGH VOLTAGE OPTIC UNITS!





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MECHA COMBAT!!!

You've been hearing about it for months and now it's finally here! If you thought this issue kept you at the edge of your seat, the next one's gonna blow you away! How will the Freedom Fighters battle a roboticiized version of their greatest hero without harming him? And who's going to stop him from harming the Freedom Fighters? Desperate situations demand desperate solutions! Obviously, Sally has come up with one: "Operation Last Resort!" What is "Operation Last Resort!" and how will it affect the relationship between Sonic and the Freedom Fighters? You can't wait to find out for yourself, can you? This puppy's got it all and it's brought to you by the talents of Mike Gallagher, Pat Spaz, Harvo and Heroic Age! On sale in **TWO SHORT WEEKS!**

Freddie

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Dear Sonic & Tails,

I love your comics! They're so cool! I'm glad to hear about Uncle Chuck. It's nice to know that he's a Freedom Fighter again. Too bad he had to let Blubber-brains out of the void. I thought he was actually losing weight yelling at Snively.

Hey, Tails, I'm sorry to hear about Fiona. Good luck giving Robotnik a good whack for that one. Don't get mad at Sonic and Sally. They probably have your best interests at heart. If you want to get mad at someone, get mad at Robot-wit. He's the one you have to get even with.

Questions: 1) Tails, how high can you fly into the air? 2) Sonic, what's the fastest you've ever run? 3) Are either of you related to Sally? J.T. Johnson
Herdon, VA

**It was a
lot like
the
CD
game...**

Even though he's still robotized, I'm glad Uncle Chuck is back, too. Tails and I have talked it over and we're cool about it. He understands why we're overprotective of him. On the other hand, we've given him some space as well. Sooner or later, we will take down Ro-bozo and Tails can give him that whack. Answers: 1) I've seen Tails fly as high as a thousand feet above ground under his own power. 2) The fastest I've ever run was twice the speed of sound (that's when I start to really blur out and make a sonic-boom when I run by). As SuperSonic, I can run as fast as the speed of light. Gives new meaning to the expression, "Wherever you go, you're there." 3) Neither of us are related to the Princess, even though Sally does treat Tails like her little brother sometimes.

Dear Sonic & Sally,

I really enjoy reading your comic. Although I have only known about your comic for a little more than a year, I've been able to amass

all but four issues. I liked SONIC #25. It was a lot like the CD game... which brings me to my next point: I urge everyone to try to get the Sega CD System while it's still around and on sale. The Sonic CD game is awesome, and it has a kick butt soundtrack, too. Now I have two questions: 1) Sally is my favorite character. Is she ever going to get her own regular series? 2) I was very impressed with Ken Penders' artwork. Will he be doing any more penciling?

Brian Edwards (Age 16)
Atlanta, GA

Sally's my favorite, too. You just better not be trying to horn in on my action, bud. As far as a Sally series goes, she's not interested in being the star of her own comic. Me... I'm another story. All I know is she likes being right here with me so I'm not complaining.

Impressed with Ken's work, eh? Well, any fan of Ken Penders is a friend of mine. To answer your question, Ken is working on a story he's writing and drawing even as you read this. Expect it your way in the near future.

Dear Sonic, Knuckles & Tails,

Both me and my brother like your comics. I have a few things to ask: 1) Why does Knuckles guard the Chaos Emeralds? 2) How did Tails learn to drive the Seafox? 3) Why is Sonic so fast? 4) Could you make a comic about Sonic and Tails meeting Knuckles?

Drew Hoffmann
Beavercreek, OH

1) If you've read the titanic mini-series starring that echidna then you know why. But just in case you haven't read it, Knuckles comes from a long line of guardians who guard the emeralds from being stolen by power-hungry villains. If successfully stolen, it would mean the end of the Floating Island. We wouldn't want that now, would we? 2) The Seafox was designed after the Bathysphere that Rotor built. Both Rotor and Tails used it way back in SONIC LTD. #1. Tails learned how to drive it then. 3) I was born that way. 4) Already done. Me and Tails met Knuckles in SONIC #13. That's it for me this month. Catch you on the flip side!



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#1!**



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